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St. Ambrose, bishop of Milan
Honored by rulers and people, through his
energy the last remnants of paganism
were removed and Arianism
was destroyed throughout Italy. He
is said to have composed the famous
hymn TE DEUM.

When emperor Valentinian demanded
a church for the Arians of Milan, St
Ambrose answered: "I cannot yield;

the emperor is in the church but not
above the church. To Theodosius, the Great
who had rashly ordered a bloody massacre
in the rebellious City of Thessalonica, St
Ambrose fearlessly refused entrance into
his cathedral, until he had expiated his
sin by public penance. The great emperor
showed his greatness by submitting to
the just demand of so holy a bishop.

344-407

St John Chrysostom
Patriarch of Constantinople
Called "the golden-mouthed" on account
of his wonderful eloquence. His zeal
against the vices of his time brought
him persecution and banishment,
which he bore with heroic patience.
He died on his way to exile uttering
the words: "Praise to God for all this."

Council of Sardis

The right to function as a court of appeal in the matters of contested episcopal elections and depositions was allotted to the ROMAN SEE by the

Council of SARDIS in 344

The doctrines approved by Rome were accepted by the great councils and became the tenets

of orthodoxy. The ground was laid
for the further growth of papal
jurisdiction

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Persian victory at Singora